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Asbury Theological Seminary
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Survey of Hebrew
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OVERVIEW

An introduction to OT Hebrew and tools for its study with a view towards increased competence in reading the OT.

LEARNING GOALS

1. Phonology: Students will know the Hebrew alphabet and vowel points. Students will be able to syllabify, transliterate and pronounce any Hebrew word.
2. Morphology: Students will be familiar with basic Hebrew noun, adjective and verb forms.
3. Lexicography: Students will understand how to use the *BDB* Hebrew-English lexicon. Students will know selected common Hebrew vocabulary words.
4. Syntax: Students will understand how words fit together to form Hebrew phrases, clauses, sentences and paragraphs.
5. Semantics:
 - a) Students will understand how morphology, lexicography and syntax merge together into semantics. In other words, students will understand how Hebrew word forms, the meaning of individual words and interrelationships between words combine to yield meaning in Hebrew sentences and paragraphs.
 - b) Furthermore, students will be aware of the possible interpretative significance of syntactic and semantic analysis. Students will be aware of ways to incorporate these interpretative insights into preaching and teaching specifically and Christian discipleship more broadly. Students will be confident enough in their Hebrew skills to actually use them in interpretation, preaching, teaching and Christian discipleship.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Elliger, K., and W. Rudolph. *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 1967-77. (*BHS*)
 Scott, William R. *A Simplified Guide to BHS*. Berkley, CA: BIBAL, 1987. (*Guide*)
 Brown, Francis, S. R. Driver, and Charles A. Briggs. *A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament*. Oxford: Oxford, 1906; reprint, Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1996. (*BDB*)
 Seow, C. L. *A Grammar for Biblical Hebrew*. Rev ed. Nashville: Abingdon, 1995. (*GBH*)
 Braun, Frank X. *English Grammar for Language Students*. Ann Arbor: Ulrich, 1947. (*EGLS*)

RECOMMENDED TEXTS

BibleWorks 5.0. Hermenueitika, Big Fork, MT.
 Joüon, Paul, S.J. *A Grammar of Biblical Hebrew*. Edited and translated by T. Muraoka. 2 Vols. Subsidia Biblica 14/I-II. Roma: Editrice Pontificio Istituto Biblico, 1993.
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EVALUATION

Grades will be calculated using the following factors: Worksheets, Exercises & Participation, 15%; Quizzes, 25%; Examinations, 60%.

Grades will be assigned according to the following scale (*ATS Catalog 2000-1*, p. 28):

100-95%	A	4.00	Exceptional work: surpassing achievement of course objectives
95-90%	A-	3.70	
90-87%	B+	3.30	
87-83%	B	3.00	Good work: substantial achievement of course objectives
83-80%	B-	2.70	
80-79%	C+	2.30	
79-77%	C	2.00	Acceptable work: essential achievement of course objectives
77-75%	C-	1.70	
75-74%	D+	1.30	
74-72%	D	1.00	Marginal work: inadequate achievement of course objectives
72-70%	D-	0.70	
70-0%	F	0.00	Unacceptable work: failure of course objectives

WORKSHEETS AND EXERCISES

Students will submit a copy of each homework assignment on the due date at the beginning of class. Students will retain a second copy for use in class. The copy submitted to the instructor must be legible to receive credit. Each homework assignment will have A, B and C level portions. Students completing only C level portions will be eligible for a maximum grade of 75 on that assignment. Students completing C and B level portions will be eligible for a maximum grade of 85 on that assignment. Students completing C, B and A level portions will be eligible for a maximum grade of 95 on that assignment. Students completing C, B and A level portions with notable "extra mile" effort will be eligible for a maximum grade of 100 on that assignment.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is expected at each and every class session. Students will indicate attendance at the beginning of each class on an attendance sheet. Students will be permitted three excused absences. Examples of excused absences include contagious or serious illness on the part of the student or a death in the family or pastoral charge. Discretionary or optional trips and events, even if announced to the instructor in advance, will count as unexcused absences. Each unexcused absence will result in grade deduction of one grade increment (e.g., B to B-). Any student with six absences for any reason will not be eligible for a passing grade.

FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES IN HEBREW

1. OT501 Concise Hebrew is the prerequisite for OT502 Comprehensive II Hebrew. OT502 provides students with an even stronger foundation in Hebrew. OT502 is the prerequisite for any Hebrew exegesis course or any other Semitic language (e.g., Biblical Aramaic).
2. OT501 is a prerequisite for 700 level OT IBS courses.
3. Asbury Seminary has a Hebrew Honor Society, Eta Beta Rho. Students who earn a 3.0 or higher average in OT501 and 502 and intend to complete either a Hebrew exegesis or 700 level OT IBS course are eligible for membership.
4. Hebrew reading groups meet regularly during the fall, spring and sometimes summer terms. All skill levels are welcome.
5. Anyone completing this course may read daily from the Hebrew Scriptures.

FALL 2001 OT501 SCHEDULE

R = Reading due, H = Homework due, L = Lecture, Q = Quizzes, E = Examination

	9-4	L Syllabus, Alphabet, Orientation to Hebrew
1	9-5/6	R&H Alphabet; L Vowels
	9-7	Q Alphabet; R&H Vowel; L Syllables & Accents, Dagesh
	9-11	Q Vowels; R&H Syllables & Accents, Dagesh; L Shewa
2	9-12/13	R&H Shewa; L Qamets
	9-14	R&H Qamets
	9-18	H Orientation to Hebrew Wrksht; L Review Phonology; R <i>GBH</i> Lesson III; L Nouns
3	9-19/20	L Nouns
	9-21	H Nouns; R <i>GBH</i> Lesson IV; L Root Types & Word Patterns; E Receive #1
	9-25	E #1 Due; H Root Types & Word Patterns; L Weak Consonants
4	9-26/27	L <i>BDB</i> Root Wrksht
	9-28	R <i>GBH</i> Lesson V; L More Nouns
	10-2	H <i>BDB</i> Root Wrksht; More Nouns; BWs Wrksht; R <i>GBH</i> Lesson VI; L Conjunction
5	10-3/4	Q Roots & Nouns; R <i>GBH</i> Excursus B; L Article, Prepositions
	10-5	R <i>GBH</i> Lesson VII; L Adjectives
	10-9	H Conjunction, Article & Prepositions, Adjective; R <i>GBH</i> Lesson VIII; L Participle
6	10-10/11	Q Con, Art & Prep, Adj; L Participle
	10-12	R <i>GBH</i> Excursus C; L Stem
	10-16	H Participle & Stem; R <i>GBH</i> Lesson IX
7	10-17/18	Q Participle & Stem; L Personal Pronouns
	10-19	L Qal & Niphal Stems
	10-23	H Personal Pronouns, Qal; R <i>GBH</i> Lesson X
8	10-24/25	Q Personal Pronouns; L Other Pronouns & Particles
	10-26	E Receive #2
	10-30	E #2 due; L <i>BHS</i> Introduction
9	10-31/1	H Other Pronouns & Particles; R <i>GBH</i> Lesson XI; L Construct
	11-2	Q Other Pronouns & Particles; L Construct
	11-6	H Construct
10	11-7/8	Q Construct; R <i>GBH</i> Lesson XII; L Suffixed Nouns
	11-9	R <i>GBH</i> Excursus D, Lesson XIII; L Qal Perfect, Perfect Aspect
	11-13	H Suffixed Nouns, Qal Perfect, Perfect Aspect; R <i>GBH</i> Excursus E
11	11-14/15	Q Suffixed Nouns, Qal Perfect, Perfect Aspect; R <i>GBH</i> Lesson XIV; L Qal Perfect Weak
	11-16	R <i>GBH</i> Excursus F; L Piel, Pual & Hithpael Stems
	11-27	H Qal Perfect Weak, Piel Stem
12	11-28/29	Q Qal Perfect Weak, Piel Stem; R <i>GBH</i> Lesson XVIII; L Qal Imperfect
	11-30	L Imperfect Aspect, Hiphil & Hophal Stems
	12-4	H Qal Imperfect, Imperfect Aspect, Hiphil Stem
13	12-5/6	Q Qal Imperfect, Imperfect Aspect; R <i>GBH</i> Lesson XX; L Narrative Discourse
	12-7	L Review
14	TBA	E Final

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